Ashokan columns and a Ashokan Minor Rock Edict, large and small medieval structural complexes representing mosques, gateways, kos minars, forts, astronomical observatory known as Jantar Mantar, baolis, bridges, cemetaries, graves and sites connected with British history.

The medieval remains primarily belong to the Sultanate and Mughal periods of local history and represent various phases of medieval art and architecture. The two Ashokan columns which are inscribed, were brought to Delhi by Firoz Shah Tughlak. The colonial remains are connected with British history of the 18th and 19th century A.D.

(b) The amount spent for their preservation and maintenance and environmental improvement during the last three years are furnished below:—

1987-88	Rs. 60,93,256.00
1988-89	Rs. 64,74,329.00
1989-90	Rs. 96,80,977.00

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Special Armaments to be developed by DRDO

825. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) propose to develop a number of special armaments for use by the three services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent the new armaments would be more safe and useful for the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Defence Research & Development Organisation proposes to undertake development of advanced air defence weapon system, top attack ammunition and torpedo system for which feasibility/technology demonstration work is in progress. A number of special armaments under various stages of development are lighter mortar system, various types of advanced plastic explosives, runway denial weapon, antitank guided missile system, short-range surface-to-air missile system, medium range surface-to-air missile system, tactical battlefield support surface-to-surface missile systems and multi-barrel rocket system.

(c) These armament systems are based on state-of-the-art technology with special features of very high standard of safety in handling and storage, high weapon accuracy, optimal lethality, and high kill probability. These systems will be very useful in meeting the operational requirements of the Services.

Debarring of HAL Employees to join Political Parties

826. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited are not allowed to become members of political parties;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether this is applicable to all Public Sector Industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) to (c) Government had identified certain Public Sector Undertakings for placing reasonable restrictions in the public interest on certain political activities of their employees. These restrictions prohibit the employees of these undertakings from becoming office bearers of a political party. All the Defence Public Sector Undertakings including Hindustan Aeronautics Limited are covered by these instructions.